

"STOP PAYING MONEY" IN CANAL ZONE CLAIMS, GEN. GOETHALS URGES

Advocates Rigorous Measure to Compel Change in Land Commission's Methods of Making Awards

U. S. SEEMS HELPLESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—"Who is responsible?" was the question the House Commerce Committee sought to solve today in its investigation of charges by General George W. Goethals that the United States has been robbed of \$17,000,000 in land deals in the Panama Canal zone.

"Are there any imputations against the Panama members of that commission—that they are getting a percentage?" asked Representative Dillon.

"No," answered General Goethals. General Goethals said that some of the Panama members of the last commission "had been dismissed because of irresponsible conduct."

"We have really benefited nothing by the change," he added.

Plans are now under way, General Goethals said, to acquire land outside of the canal zone for use in connection with fortifications for the canal. The payment for this land would come under the jurisdiction of the land commission, he said, and the same extravagant payment would undoubtedly be made unless some action was taken.

Members of the committee, remarking that the Panama treaty gave the joint commission authority over the canal zone, expressed doubt that Congress could override the commission by legislative action. General Goethals pointed out that the commission was violating the treaty by overpayment.

"There is only one way to put a stop to this," said General Goethals, "and that is to stop paying money."

CZAR'S NEW ARMY SET FOR HEAVY OFFENSIVE; RUSSIA REGENERATED

Whole Country Reorganized, With Industrial and Military Machinery Effective, Correspondent Finds

INCOMPETENTS OUSTED

PROGRAD, Feb. 15.—The beginning of a tremendous, if not spectacular, reorganization of internal Russia is strikingly apparent to any observer of Russian affairs, who, familiar with the disorderly confusion in Russia six months ago, compares it with the effective industrial and military machinery of today.

INCOMPETENT OFFICIALS OUSTED

Graft and bribery seemingly to a great extent has been weeded out. Officials found to be incompetent and engaged in intrigues have been dismissed. These men had held up munition contracts and clogged the whole machinery of army equipment and provisioning.

Under these conditions, with a large available supply of ammunition, and therefore the possibilities of a successful offensive increasing daily, the Russian staff appears inclined to mark time for a few weeks, until weather conditions allow the army to exert its new power to the fullest advantage.

REFORMS PLANNED BY DUMA

The Duma, which will resume sessions a week hence, is expected to carry forward progressive reforms aimed principally at perfecting Russia's internal reformation. One of the most prominent leaders in the Duma, informed the correspondent that the principal questions which would occupy the attention of that body were:

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Leon and Albert Sterling, young violinists, of 12 and 13, who will play at the concert in Camden tonight of the Ahav Zedek Congregation.

BOY VIOLINISTS TO PLAY IN CAMDEN

Leon and Albert Sterling, 11 and 13 Years Old, Will Perform

Two young violinists will be the chief musical attraction tonight at the concert and ball of the Ahav Zedek Congregation, 5th and Arch streets, Camden. They are Leon and Albert Sterling, and, although their ages are but 11 and 13 years, they have played before critical audiences and scored successes.

MAYOR SMITH TO ENTERTAIN CROKER AT DINNER TONIGHT

Executive Will Be Host to Former New York Fire Chief

Edward F. Croker, former fire chief of New York City, will be tendered a banquet by Mayor Thomas B. Smith tonight at the Hotel Adelphi.

Woman Falls Dead at Movies

Mrs. Margaret Kennedy, 54 years old, of 314 Rorer street, fell dead in the Lafayette Theatre, Kensington avenue and Cambria street, last night, while watching the presentation of a war film drama.

Anybody Seen Suver?

"Has any one in Excelsior Springs seen G. H. Suver?" asks The Call, and not even a whisper is heard in reply.

Washington's Birthday at the Shore. The Reading is Shorter by Miles and Minutes. Direct Line "to the Shore" (\$1.00 Excursions Every Sunday)

OLD NEW ENGLAND SHOWN AT DISPLAY

Life of Colonial Days Reproduced by Society of Arts and Letters Here

Captain Miles Standish in his blunt way might clank up the stairs today in the New Century Drawing Rooms, 12th street above Walnut, and find there John Alden, his unwilling rival in love, and Priscilla, demure and maidenly, in their quaint New England village.

The captain would feel perfectly at home even if he didn't find his friends. On his left, as he entered the auditorium, he would see three buildings, and it is a safe guess that he would make for the middle one.

It is a display of the arts and crafts of Colonial New England by the Society of Arts and Letters of Philadelphia. In conjunction with this there is a display of the work of members of the society, including paintings in oil and water-color, miniatures and photographs.

Young women in appropriate costumes attend the night exhibitions and lend color and reality to the scenes. Descendants of the Pilgrims who came over in the Mayflower, were invited to attend.

Tiresome. A Milwaukee man told the Judge that he had been "driven to drink."

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FIRE DESTROYS CLUB IN TORONTO, ONE DEAD

Explosion Precedes Sweep of Flames at Rendezvous of Americans

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—Starting with an explosion on the top floor of the building, fire completely destroyed the premises at 17 and 19 West Wellington street, occupied by the American Club, early today.

In one of the rooms downstairs there were two shells found, but whether they were loaded or not is not known. The explosions which occurred may have been from a shell in the building.

James Coomber, night porter, and Tom Banks, engineer, were slightly burned, and it was reported that several guests who lived at the club had lost their lives.

Several officers of the American legion were in the building at the time of the fire, but most of them managed to escape.

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What the U. S. Government Says About Incomes and Wealth

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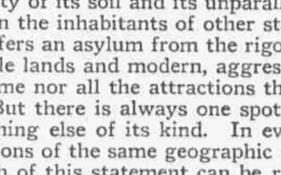
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